

# THE BULL PEN

Toro Nation,

## Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

TCHS is in the final stages of preparation for the new school year, and we are looking forward to getting our Toros back on campus! Freshman Day (7/31) and the Toro RoundUP! events are scheduled for next week to help our students and families get ready the first day of school. Please use this newsletter as your official guide to connect, get answers, and prepare for your "Back to School" needs. Please see below for important updates on TCHS:

- **Staffing** - 174/178 positions are filled for TCHS - ASL, Biology, Chorus, Guidance Secretary positions remain open/unfilled. Onboarding of new staff is still ongoing. Certified Substitutes and/or virtual options will be secured if positions cannot be filled. Know of any outstanding applicants for the above positions? Please have candidates reach out to Mr. Willets directly!
- **Schedules** - Schedule Pre-View is now CLOSED! 432 adjustments **that met schedule change criteria** have been completed. How do you know if your schedule was changed? August 4th HAC goes LIVE again for schedule reviews....OR...a hard copy of your schedule will be available in the cafeteria during RoundUP!. Counselors return to school on Wednesday, Aug 2nd and will process any appointments, approved changes, and begin scheduling appointments as requested (please see Guidance Updates in Bull Pen). Any family that has not completed residency requirements will not be able to see schedules until complete.
- **Digital/Physical IDs** - ALL students will be required to have an ID while on campus. The Digital ID from Leonard's is now ready to download for all new students. Please go to your app store and search for *Digital ID by Leonard's*. Complete the steps and you will be good to go. Returning students, please open your app to ensure it has rolled to the 23-24 school year. If not, delete and reinstall. PLEASE set-up to accept text messages as Mr. Willets will text student reminders of schedule changes and info about events throughout the year. All students will be issued a physical ID 2-3 weeks after school starts. Representatives from Leonard's will be at RoundUP! events in the Gym to assist with any needs.
- **Parking** - All parking spots are SOLD OUT! Tags will be issued to students who purchased a spot during the Junior/Senior RoundUP! in the Cafeteria. If a student does not have all paperwork AND copies of insurance, license, and registration ON ONE SHEET, parking pass **WILL NOT** be issued. Wait List links, parking and Senior spot painting information is listed below in the Bull Pen.

School Clothes Shopping?  
See Below!

## FRESHMAN DAY

# Class of 2027

WHEN  
**July 31st**  
Last Name A-L 8am-10am  
Last Name M-Z 11am-1pm

WHERE  
**TCHS Gym**

Due to maintaining small groups, students must come at their scheduled time slot. Parents need to drop off and pick up students during the designated last name times.

**ENTERTAINMENT**  
TCHS Cheerleaders  
TCHS Dance Team

**MEET**  
Your Fellow Students  
School Administration

**TO DO**  
Tours  
Games

**LEARN**  
About School Resources  
School Spirit  
The Campus  
First Day

**GO TOROS**

**TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL**

## ROUND UP

<b>SENIORS</b> TUESDAY AUGUST 1 8:00 - 11:00 AM	<b>JUNIORS</b> TUESDAY AUGUST 1 8:00 - 11:00 AM
<b>SOPHOMORES</b> TUESDAY AUGUST 1 1:00 - 4:00 PM	<b>FRESHMEN</b> WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2 1:00 - 4:00 PM

During the RoundUP, students will be able to:

- get schedules
- get lockers
- purchase PE uniforms
- pickup parking passes

### DRESS CODE POLICY

Expectation: Student clothing choices are both respectful of the school community and are appropriate for an educational environment.

Dress Code Standards

- Clothing **must cover** areas from one armpit to the other armpit, down to mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps.
  - Examples of Violations
    - Garments worn on the upper half of the body that are low cut and revealing.
    - Tube top or tube top with cuffs.
    - Undergarments do not count as "straps."
    - Shirts short enough to expose midriff.
    - Sagging pants. All pants must be worn around the waist.
    - Garments worn on the lower half of the body must not be shorter than mid-thigh or have holes exposing skin above mid-thigh.
- See-through or mesh garments must be worn with opaque clothing over it or underneath that meets the standard for clothing coverage.
- Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for travel around campus. Backless shoes are allowed; however, slippers are not permitted.
- Headgear is permitted but must not cover student ears or be distracting to the educational environment. A teacher may require headgear to be removed while in their classroom.
  - Examples of Violations
    - Hoodies pulled up covering ears
- No clothing or accessory advertising alcohol, drugs, weapons, nudity, profanity, etc.
- NO earbuds in classrooms, gym, locker room or auditorium.
- One earbud ONLY while outside and in cafeteria.

Students who violate the dress code will be provided a Nease t-shirt, shorts or leggings to wear, so they may attend class. T-shirt, shorts or leggings must be returned to receive personal clothing item(s) back. Earbuds will be taken and returned at the end of the day in the ISS Room in C-Pod.

Violations (per SEMESTER):

• 1 <sup>st</sup> offense - Warning	• 4 <sup>th</sup> offense - ISS (In-School)
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense - Lunch Detention	• 5 <sup>th</sup> offense - ISS
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> offense - 2 Lunch Detentions	• 6 <sup>th</sup> offense - OSS (Out of School)

The RoundUP is everything needed for a successful start to TCHS. For more information on RoundUP visit Page 4 of the Bull Pen!

If you can't make it to RoundUP, all stations will be available Aug. 9th during the Meet the Teacher event from 8-11 am.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## BACK TO SCHOOL

*at a Glance*

- July 31-** Freshman Day-- 8-10am: A-L, 11am-1pm: M-Z
- Aug. 1-** Toro RoundUP-- Juniors and Seniors: 8-11am  
Toro RoundUP--Sophomores: 1-4pm
- Aug. 2 -** Toro RoundUP--Freshmen: 1-4pm
- Aug. 4-** Senior Parking Paint Day--7-11am  
Student Schedules GO LIVE
- Aug. 9-** Meet the Teacher: 8-11am
- Aug. 10-** First Day of School!

School Advisory Council (SAC)  
Interest Form



## SAVE THE DATE

- **SEPTEMBER 22ND:** HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME VS CLAY HIGH
- **SEPTEMBER 23RD:** HOMECOMING DANCE
- **APRIL 12TH:** SENIOR GRADBASH @ UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
- **APRIL 18TH:** JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM @ WGV RENAISSANCE RESORT

## TORO ATHLETICS

*at a Glance*

<b>Cross Country</b>	Mon., July 31 @ 5:30pm Mon., July 31 @ 6:30pm	First Practice @ TCHS Track Parent Meeting @ TCHS café
<b>Football</b>	Fri., July 27 @ 6pm Fri., July 28 @ 5-8pm Mon., July 31 @ 4:25pm	Parent Meeting @ TCHS Auditorium Mom's Clinic @ TCHS Stadium First Practice @ TCHS Practice Fields
<b>Golf --Boys &amp; Girls</b>	Wed., Aug. 9 4:20pm Thurs., Aug. 10 @ 4:20pm Fri., Aug. 11 @ 4:20pm	Tryouts @ Slammer and Squire Tryouts @ Slammer and Squire Tryouts @ Slammer and Squire
<b>Swim and Dive</b>	Wed., Aug. 2 @ 5:30pm Thurs., Aug. 3 @ 6:15pm	Team Meeting @ TCHS café Training/Tryouts @ Silver Leaf Pool
<b>Volleyball</b>	Mon., July 31 @ 4-6:30pm Tues., Aug. 1 @ 4-6pm Wed., Aug. 2 @ 4-6:30pm	Open Gym @ TCHS Gym Tryouts @ TCHS Gym Tryouts @ TCHS Gym



# GENERAL SCHOOL INFO

## NEW TO TOCOI CREEK?

Here are some Toro Terms to help you get your Toro ready:

- **Bull Pen Weekly Feed** – The “Feed” is your weekly newsletter for ALL things TCHS. Parents will have access to all critical information, important dates, and contact information sent directly to your email each Friday.
- **Schedule Preview Day** – Parents will have the opportunity to look at their child’s actual schedule. Information will be sent to all parents on ways to access TCHS guidance for any needs.
- **Home Access Center (HAC)** – Student and Parent digital portal that shows class grades, assessment results, state scores and the official portal to update email, phone and address changes after registration.
- **Link Crew** – A dedicated group of 11th/12th grade leaders who partner up with ALL freshmen students to act as a “trusted peer” on campus to assist as needed
- **Freshman Day** – The official day where we match our Freshman with their Link Crew Leader to learn all about TCHS and the resources surrounding our new students each and every day.
- **Toro RoundUP** – Designated time for each grade level to gather schedules, lockers, PE uniforms, textbooks, parking decals, walk schedules, and some awesome TCHS swag from PTSO, and OneToro Arts/Athletic Boosters. (Teachers will NOT be available for RoundUP dates)
- **Meet the Teacher** – Visit TCHS and meet your child’s teacher. Collect classroom syllabus, gather needs for each class and chat with our amazing teachers and staff!



## Helpful Links:

[SJCSD Dress Code](#)

[TCHS Clubs](#)

[Lunch Applications](#)

[TCHS Yearbook](#)

[Absences and Early Dismissal](#)

[Athletic Tickets](#)

[Cafeteria](#)

[Clever](#)

# TORO ROUNDUP

## Toro RoundUP 2023 Points of Interest

Students need to download their digital ID using the Leonard's App.

Point of Interest	Goal	Location
<b>Schedule Pick up</b>	Pick up schedules for the 23-24 school year.	Cafeteria
<b>Registration</b>	Visit this table if you are missing paperwork, have no schedule, or are having trouble accessing HAC	Front Office Foyer
<b>Lockers</b>	Once you know your schedule, come here to reserve your locker space.	Bldg. 4
<b>Textbooks</b>	Will be handed out in the first two weeks of school.	
<b>PE Uniforms</b>	Pick up your PE uniforms. Uniforms should be purchased on SchoolPay. You have the option of purchasing today in the gym. Pay Online Here: <a href="https://www.schoolpay.com/">https://www.schoolpay.com/</a>	Gym near the concession stands
<b>Lunch Accounts</b>	Lunch accounts can be updated on PayPams, or in person today in the cafeteria. You can digitally add money to your child's account here: <a href="https://paypams.com/">https://paypams.com/</a>	Cafeteria
<b>Parking</b>	Parking Juniors and Seniors who purchased a spot can reserve and finalize parking details. All students need to bring a SINGLE SHEET COPY with LICENSE, REGISTRATION, PROOF OF INSURANCE. (No copy machines will be available.)	Cafeteria
<b>Guidance</b>	1. Schedule Requests - All requests must be completed digitally. 2. Schedule Questions - Counselors available to answer questions, no changes will be completed on this day.	Front Office
<b>PTSO</b>	Become a member of PTSO and purchase TORO Sprit Wear	Left side of Cafeteria
<b>Toro Ambassador Questions</b>	Students new to county can come connect to student leaders, ask questions, or get a personal perspective of Tocoli.	Outside the Cafeteria Entry Gate A Entry Gate C Outside of Bldg. 4 Outside of Bldg. 5.
<b>Computer Village</b>	Students who are new to Tocoli who have not been able to get into Home Access Center.	Brux Lab
<b>Digital ID's</b>	Students will take their picture for <u>ID's</u> for students who are new to Tocoli	Gym ½ near the weight room



# BACK TO SCHOOL MATERIALS & RESOURCES



Parking on TCHS's Campus is **SOLD OUT**, as a result, parking passes are reserved for juniors and seniors. For FAQs on parking passes (wait list), [click here!](#)

## RECOMMENDED CALCULATORS:



TI30XA  
CASIO FX-260 SOLAR  
CASIO FX-82 SOLAR  
SHARP EL-510R  
SHARP EL-510RN

## PE UNIFORMS



Toros PE Uniforms will be **mandatory** for all students in PE, HOPE, Weight Training, etc.  
Cost \$25.00 (Shorts and Shirt included with this fee)

Once payment is complete online, please bring your completed receipt to Toro RoundUP to pick up your uniform.

\*Uniforms can only be purchased on school pay [here](#); cash will not be accepted at Toro RoundUP this year\*

## SUMMER READING



BELOW ARE THE **SUGGESTED** SUMMER READING TITLES FOR STANDARD, HONORS, AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH CLASSES. A FORMATIVE ASSIGNMENT WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN CLASSES RESUME IN AUGUST, BUT IT WILL IN NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACT A STUDENT'S GRADE AS SUMMER READING IS NOT REQUIRED AT THIS TIME.

Grade Level	Level	Title	Author	ISBN
9	Standard	American Born Chinese	Gene Luen Yang	978-0312384487
9	Honors	Outliers	Malcolm Gladwell	978-0316017930
10	Standard	Paper Towns	John Green	978-0142414934
10	Honors	Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	978-0385474542
10	Speech	They Say, I Say	Gerald Graff	978-0393631685
11	Standard/ Honors	Into the Wild	John Krakauer	978-0385486804
11	Advanced Placement (AP) English Language	Getting Past the Past <i>(Highly recommended)</i>  In Cold Blood <i>(Highly recommended)</i>	Lewis Hyde  Truman Capote	978-1250619532  978-0679745587
*11/12	Advanced Placement (AP) Seminar	The Scout Mindset <i>(Highly recommended summer reading)</i>  They Say/ I Say with readings (high school addition) <i>(Required text to purchase for course)</i>	Julia Galef  Gerald Graff, Cathy Birkenstein, Russel Durst	978-0735217553  978-0393938432
12	Standard/ Honors	Beowulf		978-0451531193
*12	Advanced Placement (AP) Literature	How to Read Literature Like a Professor (Revised Edition) <i>(Highly recommended)</i>	Thomas C. Foster	978-0062301675

\*= Advanced Placement recommended reading is paired with questions that were sent directly to students through Schoology on June 6<sup>th</sup> with the subject line AP English Summer Reading.

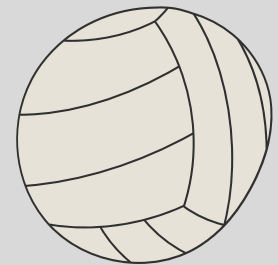
# ONETORO ATHLETICS

## ATHLETIC APPAREL

VISIT THE FAN SHOP BY JULY 31ST TO EXPLORE THE FANTASTIC COLLECTION OF MERCHANDISE THAT SHOWCASES YOUR PRIDE FOR TCHS ATHLETICS. WHETHER YOU'RE A STUDENT, PARENT, ALUMNI, OR A DEVOTED FAN, THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR EVERYONE!

BE THE FIRST TO ROCK THE LATEST TCHS ATHLETICS MERCH! YOUR PURCHASE NOT ONLY GETS YOU AWESOME GEAR, BUT ALSO SUPPORTS OUR ATHLETES AS THEY COMPETE AND STRIVE FOR VICTORY.

\*\*\*\*\*PRODUCTION WILL START ON AUGUST 1ST, PLEASE ALLOW 4-5 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY. ALL ORDERS SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO YOUR ADDRESS\*\*\*\*\*



## SPECIAL MEDICINE CLINIC

ANY FRESHMAN INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SPORTS MEDICINE CLINIC PLEASE CONTACT KATELYN SARGENT.

ATHLETES ARE ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED. SPACE IS LIMITED.

## ATHLETIC CLEARANCE

ALL STUDENT ATHLETES MUST BE CLEARED PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION, CONDITIONING, OR TRYOUTS.

[CLICK THIS LINK](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION.



# GUIDANCE INFORMATION

ADVICE  
ASSISTANCE

GUIDANCE

HELP

Schedules will be available on HAC Wednesday, July 26th & Thursday, July 27th.

For brand-new students to St. Johns County, schedules can be previewed through the parent's Home Access Center Account. Username - email address used during registration  
Password - Temp1234#

Students will have these **TWO** days to review their schedule and notify us of a scheduling error or lowering a core course level using [this link](#).

Errors/changes will be corrected prior to school starting.  
Errors include:

- a hole in the schedule
- a course on the schedule previously taken
- a missing course needed for graduation
- a missing course that is the next course in the progression from a course already taken. (For example, student took Spanish 1 last year with no grade lower than a C, but Spanish 2 is missing on schedule.)

**Requests to increase a course level, change an elective, switch from a brick & mortar course to virtual, add modified, or to change a teacher will not be honored.**

TCHS will be offering an Intro to the Teaching Profession class in the fall. This will be the 1st class in the Teaching Academy that will begin 2024-2025 and your student can get a head start. If interested, please use the "Teaching Academy" option under the "Core Course Request" link.

**JUNIORS/SENIORS ONLY:** modified/co-op period(s) might have been changed while classes were being balanced to meet class-size amendment requirements; therefore, requests to change a student's modified period(s) will not be honored.

## ATTENTION:

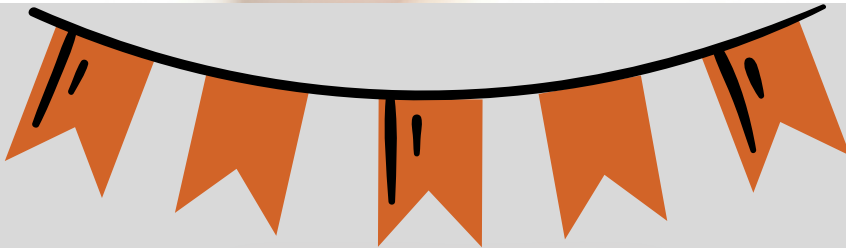
\*\*\*Families that have not completed the annual RSV (Returning Student Verification) or have expired leases will NOT be able to see their schedule on July 26th & 27th. PLEASE take care of these issues **BEFORE** July 31st, so we can have HAC turned on before Toro Round-Up, which occurs 8/1 and 8/2.

## Who is my counselor?

- Elizabeth Wright :
  - Early College Students & Last Name A
- Artina Coma:
  - Last Names B-Dh
- Laura Kuhel:
  - Last Names Di-I
- Alyssa Socket:
  - Last Names J-Ml
- Rachel Blount :
  - Last Names Mo-Sa
- Linda Smith :
  - Last Names Sc-Z



# SENIOR INFORMATION



## SENIOR DATES:

- July 17th-28th: Register/Pay to paint parking space
- Aug. 1st (8-11am): Toro RoundUP
- Aug. 4th (7-11am): Senior Parking Spot Painting
- Aug. 18th (6-8:30am): Senior Sunrise @ TCHS Stadium
- Sept. 15th: Make-Up Senior Pictures w/ Leonard's
- Sept. 22nd: Homecoming Dance
- April 12th: GradBash @ Universal Studios
- April 18th: Prom @ WGV Renaissance Resort

## PAINT YOUR PARKING SPOT!

Seniors who have already purchased a parking spot for the 23-24 school year can paint their spot on August 4th! [Click here for more information.](#) [Click here to register and pay](#) July 17th- July 28th. If you did not previously purchase a parking space, [click here to join the waitlist.](#)

## Helpful Links for Seniors:

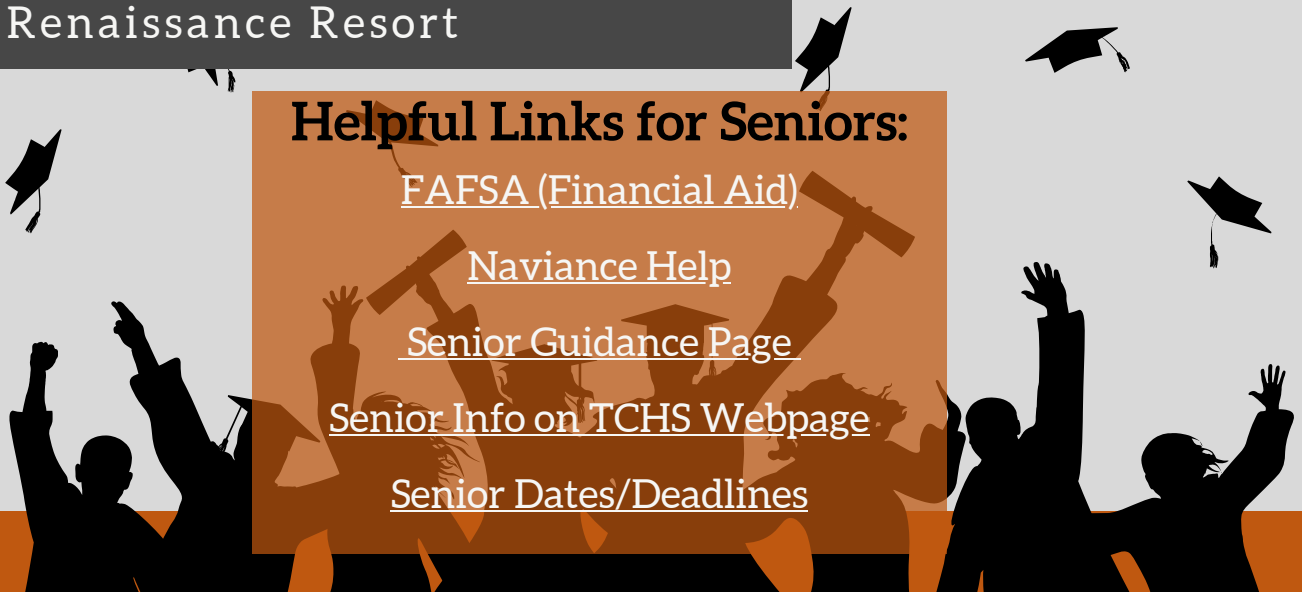
[FAFSA \(Financial Aid\)](#)

[Naviance Help](#)

[Senior Guidance Page](#)

[Senior Info on TCHS Webpage](#)

[Senior Dates/Deadlines](#)







# TESTING CORNER

## TESTING INFORMATION

### SAT Testing Accommodations:

\*\*Students with an IEP or 504 will not automatically receive accommodations. A signed consent form is required to start the process. Please complete the form below and return to the front office.

### SAT Consent for Accommodations Request

### ACT Testing Accommodations Guidelines:

Students with a disability may be eligible for testing accommodations through ACT for the ACT test.

Your child's IEP or 504 plan does not guarantee approval for accommodations for these college entrance exams. The final decision is up to College Board or ACT.

To request accommodations for your student, the ACT "Consent Form for Accommodations Request" must be signed by both the student and parent and returned to the Testing Coordinator.

Once the consent is received, we will begin the application process. For additional information about accommodations on the ACT, please visit their website or call them at 319-337-1332.

**11th grade students wishing to take the school day ACT in March 2024 (paid for by the state) and are requesting accommodations, should do so before January 1, 2024.**

*Please keep in mind that the application and approval process can take up to 7 weeks and is NOT guaranteed. If you are interested in applying for College Board or ACT accommodations, please fill out the attached requests and return it to your school's Testing Coordinator.*



# PARENT INVOLVEMENT



**TOCOI CREEK**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
**PTSO**

Interested in joining or donating to PTSO?

- [Our Website](#)
- [Our FB Group](#)
- [Our FB Page](#)
- [Our Email](#)



Please join us in supporting the fine arts at Toci Creek High School. The vision of the One Toro Arts Booster Organization is to ensure that ALL students at Toci Creek High School benefit from the collaborative support of our parent, community, and booster organization. Follow us on Facebook @OneToroArtsBoosters

Join the Athletics Booster to help with:

- Facility improvement Projects
- Fundraising
- Concession Stand
- Promoting the School



If interested, contact: [Billy Blackmon](#)

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The SAC committee is seeking interested teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members to join Toci Creek High School's School Advisory Council for the 2023-24 school year. Over the past 2 years, as a new school, we have encountered both anticipated and unforeseen challenges. With the assistance of SAC members, we can continue to address these challenges effectively.

If you or someone you know is interested, please follow this link: [SAC Interest Form](#). Once I have a list of interested teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members, we will hold elections for the corresponding representatives. It is crucial to have representation from each group, so please help us spread the word.

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TCHS IS LOOKING FOR SOME OUTSTANDING STAFF MEMBERS TO WORK WITH OUR TOROS!  
PLEASE EMAIL MR. WILLETS DIRECTLY AT [JAY.WILLETS@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US](mailto:JAY.WILLETS@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US) FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- **BIOLOGY**
- **CHORUS**
- **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**
- **BUILT ENVIRONMENT ACADEMY**
- **12-MONTH GUIDANCE SECRETARY**



*St Johns County School District*

**Next Hiring for**

**GUEST TEACHER (Substitute)**

**Posting July 17, 2023 – August 6, 2023**

**in AppliTrack Application System**

SJCSD is ready to hire Guest Teachers who are ready to make a difference for students in Pre-K - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Daily hourly rate \$15.00.

**The Guest Teacher role provides:**

- Opportunity to put your degree to work.
- Flexibility – you pick the days and schools.
- An opportunity to work with diverse student populations.
- An opportunity to contribute to the learning and development of the students in our school district.

**Come join our team.**

Applicants who hold a minimum of an Associate degree or equivalent of 60 credits or higher and who are 20 years of age or older are eligible to apply. Preferences given to applicants that have graduated or are graduating from an Education program. All applicants will be reviewed for strong teaching potential, above average references, experience in critical need areas, and/or an education degree.

For full job description, requirements and to apply online, Visit: <https://www.applitrack.com/stjohns/onlineapp/>  
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